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The Union Republican General Committee, have declared Gen. Grant as their choice for the next Presidency, subject to the decision of a general Convention of the Republican party.

The President is reported to have said that Congressmen misunderstood some expressions in the veto message in relation to the Reconstruction Bill. He is determined to execute the law to the letter.

Mr. Greeley pitifully says in his Tribune that when Wendell Phillips has "proved that the colored people have more natural fitness for public employment than any other race, it will be enough to ask us to vote for him simply on the ground that they are not white."

The work of Registration is drawing to a close in Louisiana and Virginia, & will be concluded in both States by the 1st of August. The Boards of Registration will then give ten days notice and reconvene for the revision of the lists, when all those who may have been incapacitated by illness from registering during the regular term, or had been irregularly challenged, will be heard, and the cases considered.

**THE COTTON CATERPILLAR.**—We had a call yesterday from B. F. Brown, Sheriff of Simpson county, who reports that the saw opened cotton at Georgetown, Copiah county, on Monday last. He represents the crops in Simpson and Copiah as very promising. The boll worm, or cotton caterpillar, however, was making considerable havoc, but the planters were making vigorous and very successful efforts to destroy the insect. The plan adopted, is the erection of a platform to about every four acres of cotton, upon which pine torches are kept burning all night. The light attracts the insect in its embryo state, and myriads are thus destroyed. It has been estimated that after the moth emerges from its puparium, or chrysalis state, it is capable of laying three thousand eggs. Hence the importance of destroying them, before being hatched into the caterpillar or boll worm.

### Mr. Davis.

In the mists of vituperation with which the malevolent creature who writes the subjoined statement, envelopes it, the countrymen of Mr. Davis will learn something of his movements and the respect which is shown him by the good people of Canada.

We copy from the correspondence of a paper called the "Buffalo Express":

We left Montreal yesterday for this place, and as we entered the car and took our seat we saw a face opposite which looked hateful—familiar—two men facing two ladies, the two facing each other, cannot be forgotten. A grim, emaciated visage with eyes cold, stony and cruel. It was Jeff Davis, with his wife and two friends, on their way to attend the "commencement" of the seminary at Lexington, on the G. T. road, where their children are being educated.

Mr. Davis appeared to be in the best of spirits, we fancied the presence of that snark of satisfaction which his factotum may well wear when he has outwitted the ministers of justice and escaped the toils. But little notice was taken of this notorious personage, until our arrival at Lexington. As we reached the station crowds met, white shoes, with fiery red faces and flaming whiskers, were seen trooping down toward the depot with such precipitancy as to scatter the dust promiscuously behind them. "Jeff Davis!" bellowed the mob, intent on getting a glimpse of his execrable visage from the car window. Falling in that, the mob seized the car in two detachments, each entering simultaneously the opposite end, and thus, in reaching each other's way, and producing a scene of confusion much easier imagined than described. At last a few leaders of the rabble distinguished by a more ferocious glow in their puffy cheeks, and a greater development of side-whiskers urged their way to Jeff, and after prolonged salutes and expressions of "Appy to see you, Mr. Davis!" "Oss you health," etc., prevailed upon him to show himself at the rear platform of the car and adduce a few words to the gaping crowd. His appearance was the signal for three lusty cheers. The speech was a mere formal expression of his thanks for their happiness and prosperity—congratulations on the confederate scheme—but he was independent, except of the tie that bound them to the mother country, etc. His conclusion was greeted with another round of cheers, and the departure of the train with still another.

Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of War for his information.—The telegraphic dispatch herein enclosed, shows that Gov. Jenkins, of Georgia, has given such pledges to the commander of the Third District as to induce him to withhold for the present the suspension of the Governor. The conduct of Gov. Jenkins demonstrates, however, how possible it is for discredited civil officers of reconstructed States to defeat the laws of Congress, if the power does not rest with the District commanders to suspend their functions in some way.—It seems clear to me that power is given in the bill for the more efficient government of the rebel States, to use or not, at the pleasure of the commander-in-chief—the machinery set up without the authority of Congress, in States to which the reconstruction act applies. There being doubt, however on that point, I respectfully ask an early opinion on the subject. If the power of removal does not exist with district commanders, then it will be safe to predict that the party using it in this country will pay, at least, a terrible price for its folly."

The Nation utters the following truth, none too soon for necessary warning to its party friends: "Religion is a dangerous weapon to use for political purposes, and it history furnishes any grounds for prophecy; it is safe to predict that the party using it in this country will pay, at least, a terrible price for its folly."

"Mississippi and her co-States, who had the misfortune to have the ground won for them—"reconstruction" laid by the rebels during the progress of the war, could avoid the fate of Tennessee, let them embrace the opportunity now offered by Gen. Ord. To reject this opportunity will be to furnish an occasion for the complete transfer of the negro power to the same class of rebels hooted and abominated over the prostrate liberties of that State and nation.

To accept "this opportunity" and adopt, if not the Reconstruction measures of Congress, will be to make a "complete transfer of the governing power" to the negro population of Mississippi! The census of 1860 shows that the black population of the State exceeds the white population, nearly one thousand. There are thousands of white men in Mississippi who are not entitled to register, and there are thousands who are registered, who will never be allowed to vote. Every negro man in the State has registered, every mother's son of them will not only be permitted to vote, but they will be compelled to do so. The white people may be forced to give up their power, and rather than "embrace the opportunity now offered," rather than have the negroes "ride roughshod over the prostrate liberties of the State," we prefer to remain "under the impartial administration of Gen. Ord," until the crack of doom.—Times.

We present the whole of the Times' comment on our suggestion, as we prefer that our readers shall have the benefit of all our contemporary has to submit against the course we advise.

If the opinion of the Times is correct as to the "hopeless minority" of the white population, and if the subjection of the negro element to the will of Congress, what does it expect to achieve by its opposition to a Convention and Reconstruction? These results according to the reasoning of that journal, are facts accomplished, and it seems to us that instead of making desperate efforts to change what is already established, reason requires that we should accept what cannot be avoided, and strive to turn it to the best account. If Reconstruction is inevitable, as it must be in the opinion of the Times, why not strive to control the movement to the most beneficial ends? If the Times has confidence in its own reasoning, it must see that all its labors cannot prevent this consummation: but it will effectually lose to the hitherto governing class, the moral control which they would otherwise exercise.

If the foregoing opinion of the Times be true, its expression of a preference "to remain under Gen. Ord's administration," is simply the indulgence of a wish to enjoy an attainable pleasure. But this is a matter over which our people will have no choice. The Times may rest assured that Gen. Ord's rule, whether partial or impartial, good or bad, will cease soon after the action of the people on the pending scheme is announced to Congress. Another Reconstruction scheme, conferring suffrage upon the "loyalist" population exclusively will be speedily enforced—not submitted—and then will come the calamities which may yet be averted if our people will but follow the dictates of sober reason.

These conclusions are drawn from the premises of the Times. We think with it that the holding of a Convention is inevitable,—not because the negroes, unaided by the permanent voters, could carry through any measure in this State, but because the majority of our white electors are convinced that to ignore the results of the war is madness, and to accept the situation at once, and conform speedily to the requirements of the Government, which, backed by the popular sentiment of the Northern people, and wielding the sword and holding the purse, and commanding the sympathy, respect and awe of all other nations, has the power to enforce whatever it may decree,—is the shortest road to the restoration of their prosperity and the surest and only means of preventing irremediable calamities.

**Grant on the Powers of District Commanders.**

After Gov. Jenkins' address to the people of Georgia, in which he advises non-action under the military bill, and during his absence in Washington, where he was urging injunction applications, Gen. Pope went so far as to write an Order depositing him from office, without naming his successor, which he forwarded to Gen. Grant for his approval. Before receiving any reply, however, Gov. Jenkins returned and made such explanations and pledges to General Pope, that he withdrew the contemplated Order. Gen. Grant forwarded the order to the Secretary of War with the following endorsement:

**Political Speculations.**

The following is from the Washington correspondence of the Mobile Times:

It is pretty well understood here that a number of the ablest members of the Republican party, among them may be named the two Wilsons, Sherman, Bingham, Banks, Garfield, Trumbull and others, only wait to see if the people of the South will act with wisdom and in unanimity and earnestness of purpose, to take up the work of reconstruction, putting themselves in position for restoration under the government, and forming the body of a National Conservative party, insuring weight and controlling power for it; to join hands with them, to force the mad demagogues who have ruled with the iron rod in the party to come down from their high positions they have used with so little justice or mercy.

"Why, Mary my dear, how is this; I have sitting here so comfortable with your husband? You told me this morning you had quarrelled, and he gone for a sailor." I, Father! I told nothing of the kind." "Oh, nonsense I am sure you said you had some words together." "Yes, father; so we had. He asked me what o'clock it was, I didn't know, so he left the house saying he was going to see That's all I told you."

The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered operations to begin without unnecessary delay at the New Orleans Mint.

come necessary to take refuge under that section of the bill which authorizes military commissions.

U. S. GRANT, General.

Some of our contemporaries insist that Gen. Grant is no Solomon, but no matter what the standard of his wisdom, his position as the General Commanding the Armies of the United States, and the influence which his military prestige gives him over the masses, entitle his utterances to a consideration beyond that of any other man in the country. His influence is greater than that of any other man, not excepting the President himself, with all the patronage of his office to support him. Nor does it require the gift of prescience to foretell that in the next Presidential election, he will distance all competitors, just as Gen. Lee would have succeeded Mr. Davis, if the Confederacy had not fallen.

### RECONSTRUCTION.

**Prediction that Delay by the South will but Increase the Harshness of the Radicals.**

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, under date of July 14, says:

"It is very evident from the debates in Congress on the Reconstruction bill passed yesterday, that many of the leaders of the Republican party do not regard the laws already in existence as a finality, upon compliance with which the South must be admitted to the right of representation. It is equally evident that should the Southern States comply in good faith with what is now required of them, these extreme Radicals will be driven from their position by the force of public sentiment, concentrating upon the views of such men as Wilson in the Senate, and Bingham in the House, and no further "guarantees" will be required.

I am, with great esteem, dear Sir, your obedient, etc.

### CAPABILITIES OF THE NEGRO—Opinion of Thomas Jefferson—An Original Letter.

Hudson, Monday, July 15, 1867.  
To the Editor of the Albany Evening Journal.

I was in the Convention on Friday, when Mr. Murphy adduced some arguments from Thomas Jefferson against negro suffrage. I take the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter from Mr. Jefferson to Benjamin Banneker, in reply to one in which Mr. Banneker avows himself freely and cheerfully, one of the African race, and of that color which is natural to them.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30, 1791.

SIR: I thank you sincerely for your letter and the almanac it contained. Nobody wishes more than I do to see such proofs as you exhibit that nature has given to our black brethren talents equal to those of the other colors of men, and that the appearance of the want of them is owing merely to the degraded condition of their existence in Africa and America.

I can add with truth that no one wishes more ardently to see a good system commenced for raising the condition of their mind to what it ought to be as far as the inactivity of their present existence and other circumstances which cannot be neglected.

I have given the liberty of sending your almanac to Mons. de Condorcet, Secretary of the Academy of Sciences at Paris, and a member of the Philanthropic Society, because I consider it a document to which your whole color have a right for their justification against the doubts which have been entertained of them.

I am, with great esteem, dear Sir, your obedient, etc.

THOMAS JEFFERSON,  
To Mr. B. BANNEKER.

**Letter from Maximilian to his Wife.**

NYORK, JULY 21.—The Queretaro Esparanza states that minister Romeo, at Washington, secured an order for the execution of Maximilian, against the strong inclination of Juarez toward clemency; also published the following letter from Maximilian to his wife:

MY BELOVED CARLOTTA: If God permits that your health gets better, and you should read these few lines, you will learn the cruelty with which fate has struck me since your departure for Europe. You took along with you my heart, but my good for time, why did I not give heed to your voice? So many untoward events, so many sudden blows have shattered all my hopes, so that death is but a happy deliverance, not an agony, to me. I shall die gloriously; like a soldier; like a king, vanquished, but not dishonored. If your sufferings are too great, and God should call you soon to join me, I shall bless His divine hand which has weighed so heavily upon us.

TRISTAN, July 23.—In the House of Lords to-night, a motion was made on the part of the Government for a second reading of the reform bill.

EARL DERBY made a lengthy and powerful argument in favor of the bill, and was supported by Earl Grey and others in opposition.

Further debate on the subject was pre-

pared by Gen. Farnell, and then Dr. Fox.

FARNELL, July 24.—The Hoop-tie, or wire binding, is a simple invention of a Mr. Farnell, of New York, and it is said to be a great improvement upon the common wire binding.

It consists of a wire loop, which is bent around the top of a hoop, and then twisted so as to hold it firmly.

It is used for binding books and papers.

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